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Hon. Frank Oliver On His Defense

All the Personal Popularity and All the Old Apologies
Could Not Rouse His Audience Last Night

"In his own city." The enemy's
forces are clamoring at the very gates
of the Minister of the Interior's own
city and all through his meeting last
night, puffed as it was by fervent
supporters and cleverly as the campaign
was arranged, there was the ominous
growing of discontent and had it not
been for the personal respect as an old
timer and a hardy fighter in the
Mc. Oliver, he held, the meeting would
have burst forth into an open demon-
stration against the government. The
Liberal organization had been spending
money lavishly on bunting and
Canadian flags were offered to
audience with a pathetic air. But
they would have melted a heart of stone.
There was a good audience, both sides
of the rink being thoroughly full and
the ho of the rink three-quarters
full. To judge roughly about three-
quarters of the audience that attended
Mr. Morden last year were present to
hear the Minister of the Interior. Of
his defense. That is to start with for
long before he had finished half the
audience had melted away. The meet-
ing was billed to start at 7 p. m.,
but these meetings are invariably late
and this was no exception. How-
ever, Edmonton citizens were
not any wearying. It was al-
ready the half hour when the pro-
cession for the platform filed up the
aisle. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared
that the Hon. Mr. Oliver, but appar-
ently the Hon. Mr. Oliver likes a
little support. Indeed, the procession
seemingly lacked heart. The appearance
was more that of a gang of men pre-
pared to meet the worst and in spite
of himself the writer could not but
recall the lines from the famous ballad
of "The Touch and swing around the
ring."

"We read the Poole's Parade!"
"We did not care; we knew we were
"The Devil's own Brigade."
Of course it was very wrong to think
such thoughts of a procession composed
of Hon. Frank Oliver, Premier Bur-
thorpe, Senator Roy, Hon. C. W.
Cross, J. R. Boyle, M.P.P. for Stur-
geon, John McPherson, M.P.P. for
St. Albert and Mayor McPherson.

Separate efforts were made to pro-
duce an oration. The members of the
Liberal Association scattered through-
out the meeting spring to their feet and
sawed their flags. A number of the
Bullfinch staff was also a member
of the band, rolled the drum with
which he had been entrusted. Their ef-
forts, however, only met with partial
success. The electricity with which
the most apathetic of crowds some-
times can be infused was not entirely
successful when the drum stopped roll-
ing and the official applauders stood
up. The enthusiasm appeared to have
faded. As Mr. Oliver took his
seat on the platform another effort
was made to create enthusiasm. The
drum rolled again. A man at the end
of one of the front seats bearded who
apparently acted as director general of
applauders, threw his hat into the air
but alas the good people of Edmonton
only regarded him with critical amuse-
ment and leaving gathered in his hand

document, the enthusiastic one mib-

Mayor McDougall opened the ball
and flung a few pioneering compli-
ments at Mr. Oliver's head and in-
cluded in the usual eulogy of the
city business. The mayor was late
and soon gave way to the Minister of
the Interior.

As the minister of the Interior rose
to speak the Bulletin man again rolled
his drum, the director of applause on
he front bench again cheered but pre-
sented retained possession of his hat
and the Hon. Frank Oliver called into
his subject. Mr. Oliver has a striking per-
sonality and there is something roman-
tic of Lord Roberts both in his ap-
pearance and his manner of speech.

The weather-beaten figure, all nerve
and whipcord seemed rather out of
place as an apostle for the slimy
gang of grafters that ever fat-
tened on the public purse and there
was a pathetic inappropriateness
in the manner of the man who had
been known as " Honest Frank," shift-
ing and shuffling as he dodged some
dead and dying promises in the hope
of achieving the aim which was declared
by the plain banner to be "five years
more of what the policy of the Conservative
government was restriction on expansion,
and that they lived upon the poor
to relieve the rich. Hon. Mr. Oliver
did this the hon. gentleman did not
vouchsafe and his audience regarded
him with calmness, although the Bul-
letin man rolled his drum and the
Director of applause on the front
bench waved his flag. Having finished
on the immigration policy Mr. Oliver
settled into what he was pleased to
call the loyalty of the public demon-
stration, and asked his audience to believe
that the Conservatives had thrown away
3,000,000 acres of land. He omitted
to mention the fact that the Conservatives
first transcontinental railway. He
declared that the Liberal policy was
a national policy as opposed to
monopolistic policy and the fusion
of race and class as opposed to
setting one against the other. He
gave away, said Mr. Oliver, expand-
ing his chest, expansion of trade, ex-
pansion of taxation, an immigra-
tion policy which has added one mil-
lion to the population and a land
policy which has given 2,000,000 ac-
res to the people.

He stated that the Conservatives
were necessary for the development of
the prairie provinces and that the min-
ister of British Columbia. Although
it had had cost the government some
considerable amount of money he
admitted that its building had been
fully justified by results.

Although admitting that the oppo-
sition classed this as one of the main
sins of Liberal administration he care-
fully avoided going into particulars
as to the cost of the road or the
manner in which its franchise was re-
quired by the contractors of the road.
The Canadian Northern, and the
Grand Trunk Pacific roads also came
in for their share of praise. With re-
gard to the C.N.R. he explained how
although the railway company was
offered a bonus of \$200,000, they
refused to accept it, declared the hon. gen-
eral, adding that if this campaign

did succeed he would accept defeat.

This last remark, however, largely of
reminiscence to the inevitable with
the mixture of that layman which al-
ways, the gentleman who has been
tempted to a term of imprisonment
to inform the public that he could do
the "on his head." Passing light-

ly into a few comfortable platitudes
the Minister of the Interior informed
the audience that "the business of a
government is to govern for the good
of the people." This sage remark pro-
duced the first spontaneous and gen-
eral outburst of applause and the hon.
gentleman, modestly taking it as a
commitment to himself, smiled as he
proceeded to depict the growth and
prosperity of Canada under the pres-
ent administration. But, he said,
"our opponents tell us that the coun-
try has prospered not because of but
in spite of the Liberal government."

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arriving their bonds. With regard to the
G.T.P. he stated that with the
exception of the Russian Siberian Ry.
it was the longest in the world. It
was unique and the highest standard
of railway engineering to the world.
declared the Minister, and some of
his listeners reflecting on the town site
company and the gross graft and
extravagance in the construction main-
tained a power of gratitude that the
speech was spoken. Mr. Oliver then be-
came the impression that the opposi-
tion had never approved of the build-
ing of the G.T.P. but a westerling
wings from the body of the hall de-
clared "Yes they did." made the Min-
ister hesitate. In a moment he re-
covered his composure, however, and
proceeded to allege obstruction, again
at the opposition. Having spent some
considerable time on this theme he
declared that the opposition had now
changed their tactics and were at-
tacking the government because of
the extravagance of the campaign. He
closed a volley of "hear, hear," from
the audience. "They declare we are
squandering the people's money," a
"Gai!" declared the Minister, "this
campaign against extravagance is a
campaign in favor of monopoly." At
this rally the Bulletin man again beat
his drum, the Liberal executive through-
out the hall waved their flags and the
audience looked in amused silence. In
desperation Mr. Oliver proceeded to
play his trump card. "The Liberal
government has spent money. It is a
government of development. In full
knowledge of the campaign carried on
in the east, the government came be-
fore the country today with a policy
for development of the West. We have
provided the C.N.R. and the G.T.P.
and we will provide the Hudson Bay
Railway. These Liberal governments
we have proposed and under Conserva-
tive stagnation. A railway to Hudson
Bay will cost 1,000 miles out of
Edmonton and Edmonton's market
it will make a great difference in the
cost of their transportation. It is the
price at Liverpool that fixes the price
at Edmonton. It is the money of Ed-
monton that pays the cost. The opposi-
tion says it is an electrophorus. But
they said that in 1894. That propo-
sition was fulfilled. If the H.B.R.
was in question by the people it will
be fulfilled. We come before you with
a record and a policy. Do you want
the H.B.R. railway or do you not?
That is the question to be answered
on the 26th of October.

At this point a number of pieces of
low-spirited applause. Mr. Oliver pro-
ceeded to comment on the pamphlet
entitled "Pacts for the People," a
which is maligning the electorate on
the methods of the Laurier adminis-
tration. "The public demonion, foisted
to make the favored rich," quoted Mr.
Oliver and harried back to the old
story to the grant to the C.P.R. Of
that land twelve million acres have
been sold and fifty million dollars
produced. Mr. Oliver omitted to add
that but for the millions expended by
the C.P.R. constructing the railway
not an acre would have been sold or
a dollar drawn in. Mr. Oliver then
explained the success that had attended
his throwing open the old numbered
sections. "In the first 16 days of Sep-
tember ten thousand sections of section
land was opened for settlement, and
1,000,000 acres had been bought and
cultivated." Mr. Oliver then
dealt with the timber limit question.

"The question of dealing with the
timber resources of the country is one of
the most serious that has to be de-
cided, more particularly here in Ed-
monton. We are accused of dealing
with the timber as we are accused of
having dealt. With the land, improvi-
dently extravagantly and with in-
vestments. In the vast timber is an
article of commerce. Here it is differ-
ent. We do not export timber. We
simply freely that we have not admin-

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Bob Edwards Australia Will Makes Offer Have Fleet

The following letter appears in the
Calgary Herald of last evening:

Editorial Board:

Dear Sir:—The other day the Austra-
lian, on taking the ground that we
should deal between governments and
government officials in connection with
sites for government buildings (the
money for which comes out of the
people's pockets), were quite proper,
and even rather commendable than
otherwise, went out of its way to con-
vince the impression, which seems to
have become general, that the Austra-
lian was going to retract and apolo-
gize for its statements.

Not on your life, Mr. Murphy, old boy!
The Austraian is not in the habit of
apologizing for speaking the truth.
The facts are these: In 1906 Carey
and Douglas, purchased 200 acres of
land near Lethbridge, 50 acres of
which they subsequently sold to the
provincial government for a jail site.
This left the acre.

On the 12th day of November, 1907,
transfer (No. 20648) was made from
Carey to Douglas of his share in the
100 acres. The transfer was registered
in the land title office, Calgary, on the
12th day of December, 1907.

This, you will note, leaves Stephen-
son's Howard Douglas and ex-
clusive owner of 100 acres.
It is important to bear this in mind.
On the 23rd of December, 1907—
less than 100 days before a transfer
of the 100 acres to the province
under the name of the province
(John O. Cook), the transfer, being
registered in the Calgary land title
office on January 3, 1908. Construction
of 100 acres, 20 acres.

I have placed the sum of One Hun-
dred dollars in the hands of City
Treasurer Burns and have authorized
him to pay the money into the treas-
ury of the Calgary, Banff and Jasper
association of which the editor of the Austraian
is an official. If it can be shown that
these facts are incorrect. If there is
no such thing as a Banff associa-
tion just now in Calgary, make it the
Laurier club.

The best referee I can suggest is
Mr. Hamilton, registrar of the Calgary
land title office, and a Liberal ap-
pointee. The facts are recorded in his
office and it might save the Austraian
proposition to open till Saturday night for
political apoplexy.

Apologies, forward!

Yours truly,

R. C. EDWARDS

Received from R. C. Edwards, the
sum of One Hundred Dollars, to be
held until the night of the 26th inst.
(Signed)
THOMAS BURNS.

Fires Still Spreading

Port Arthur, Sept. 25.—Forest fires
are sweeping a large area along the line
between the Canadian Northern railway and
the Canadian Northern railway near
Kashabowee, and have run south eight
miles covered a strip of territory 10 miles
along the railway. Settlers in Con-
nor and Mark's townships are having
a hard time to save their homes, which
are constantly menaced.

Consul-General of the German Em-
pire, who arrived this morning from
along the United States shore between
here and Duluth, says fire have been
seen on the shore and were worse than
here. The smoke is so thick that at times
they could not see the bow of the boat.
The situation was about Port Arthur
is not so bad now.

Melbourne, Sept. 25.—The British
ambassador has given his general approval
to the scheme of the Australian Com-
monwealth for the formation of a fleet
of submarines. The fleet, consisting of
submarines and two depot ships, will
be an Australian navy.

The idea of building up a fleet in
Australia is new to the country. The
annual contribution to the imperial
fleet, was given a great impetus by
the recent visit of the American battle-
ship fleet and it is believed that perma-
nent will vote readily the \$5,000,000
required for the construction of the
suggested fleet. The fleet, and
will total 1,000 and will be pro-
vided by the imperial navy. But they
will be paid for by the Australian
which will retain administrative con-
trol of the fleet.

YORK, Sept. 25.—The Austraian
has published a moral publica-
tion.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Copies of the Eye
Opener, published at Calgary, have
been sent to Staff Inspector St. John,
of the morality department by Dr.
Chown, the temperance and moral re-
form secretary of the Methodist
church, who asks if certain marked
portions of the publication are not
sufficient to warrant the officers in
suppressing its sale in the city?

Inspector Staples has read the
papers, and the comes to the conclu-
sion that everything is so "refined" that
he does not think he will be able to dis-
cuss the matter in the city. The Eye
Opener has not a ready sale in the
city, being handled in large numbers
by newspapers. Bundles of them are
shipped by express to a local agent
who arranges for their distribution.

LAURIER'S OFFER REFUSED

Montreal, Sept. 25.—Yves Presbiter
McNichol, of the C.P.R., refused to be
drawn into any discussion today, re-
fusing the offer made by Dr.
Laurier in his article speech to meet
between the company and its em-
ployees if either side desired it. "We
have absolutely nothing to say," said
McNichol. It is supposed the C.P.R.
look upon the offer as pure interloper
proposition for political apoplexy.

Wily Chinks

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—According to a
statement of Mr. F. C. O'Hara, commis-
sioner of Chinese immigration, the
Dominion has been defrauded to the ex-
tent of \$50,000 by Chinese arriving at
Halifax and Montreal from Mexico City
in possession of certificates signed by
the Chinese Legation at Mexico City.

The certificates were obtained by the
Chinese Legation at Mexico City, and
were used to obtain admission to the
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LETTERS TO A FAMILY.

(Not the letters by Rudyard Kipling.)

(No. 1)

My Dear McIntyre,

Have you ever taken a Turkish Bath? Well, I haven't, but I am assured, not by the prophets of old, but by the Latter Day Saints, who surround me at Ottawa, that it is hot in the vicinity of Sheol, as the mid term applied to hell in the Revised Edition of the Protestant Bible, which I read—sometimes—and which I know is your map, day and night. Well, I am now approaching unto the temperature of a Turkish Bath.

Well, my dear, P.C., I am approaching the allotted span. I am nearing the threescore and ten referred to by the illustrious prophet Isaiah—that is right, I believe, otherwise, correct me, it may have been Senator Abraham whose large flocks would have cut an infinitesimal figure in a minute corner of the land which I handed out to a bunch of capitalists, great friends of certain of the boys in the House, who helped us jam through those anti-money bills, and the salary bills, and what not, tra la, la, la, la.

Now, P.C., pardon my digression in coming to the point. Pray that I may be spared to finish my work. But look here, is that postoffice isn't opened before the end of September, 1908, I see fellow, for God's sake open the post office, open it with boxes or no boxes open it with the "Right Well" in working order or otherwise.

The Globe and the Montreal Herald and the Halifax Chronicle, etc., which have struck my heart for a few millions in printing my photos and best-selling illustrations, prophesied I am right, I believe, otherwise, correct me, it may have been Senator Abraham whose large flocks would have cut an infinitesimal figure in a minute corner of the land which I handed out to a bunch of capitalists, great friends of certain of the boys in the House, who helped us jam through those anti-money bills, and the salary bills, and what not, tra la, la, la, la.

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some politicians is exactly what it was under our friends, the bad money. It makes me laugh when I recall saying those salaries were "a fruitful source of jobbery, speculation and corruption." That is true, to be sure, but why worry a little while here below then somewhere else.

By the Holy Trinity, P.C., open the postoffice. You now understand, keep the post office closed and well, we'll lose many votes. I pay these last few lines in my own hand, to make sure you be thoroughly impressed. We must have all vote possible.

Yours affectionately,
DR. BOSS.
Ottawa, Sept. 21,
from Winnipeg Tribune.

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all the parties concerned." He compared what it had done by comparison with the Edmonton and Saskatchewan

come, so they may be notified in due time of their polling places. The committee rooms are in Ross Hall.

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